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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Midwest producer prices were 2 cents higher on large and mediums. In New York and all other locations, prices were unchanged when compared to prices a day earlier. Trade sentiment was mostly steady to fully steady. Demand remained light to fairly good. Supplies were barely adequate to adequate for trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were balanced to sufficient for varied processing schedules. Light type hen offerings were adequate for a slow to moderate demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Producer prices were 2 cents higher for large and medium. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail demand was light to about moderate. Food service movement was moderate. Supplies were adequate to balanced for immediate needs. Central states breaking stock prices were higher with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings were balanced to adequate for the mostly moderate demand. Floor stocks were adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady to fully

steady.	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI	Prices paid	l to
EXTRA LARGE	94-103	97-100	producers.	Range	Mostly
LARGE	93-102	95-98	LARGE	77-87	81
MEDIUM	82-91	84-87	MEDIUM	68-72	70
	5- 6 .	0.0.	SMALL	41-47	

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV, Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail and distributive demand was light to moderate. Supplies were about adequate to adequate for buyer and seller needs. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were sufficient for a fair demand. Light type hen offerings were sufficient for normal processing schedules.

	KANGE	MOSILI
EXTRA LARGE	103-122	104-108
LARGE	97-111	102-106
MEDIUM	85-98	90-92
NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, M	IE, NH, Eastern N	IJ, Eastern NY,
PA. RI. Northern VA. and VT		

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SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Next week's asking prices were trending upward. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail demand was reported as moderate to fairly good, at times good. Food service movement continued light to moderate. Supplies were balanced to barely adequate. Central states breaking stock prices were higher, checks and undergrades unchanged. Demand was mostly moderate with offerings balanced to about adequate. Floor stocks were about adequate to adequate. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady.

	IVAITOL	MOGILI
EXTRA LARGE	110.5-119	112-115
LARGE	102.5-111	104-107
MEDIUM	87.5-96	89-92
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,N	MO,NM,OK, and T	X

<u>SOUTHEAST REGIONAL</u> Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand entering the weekend was fair to moderate. Supplies of all sizes were usually adequate for trade needs. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were sufficient; demand was moderate. Spent hen offerings were available with a moderate demand.

RANGE MOSTLY

demand.	RANGE	MOSILI
EXTRA LARGE	103.5-117.25	105-108
LARGE	102-109.25	103-106
MEDIUM	86.5-94.00	87-91
SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC,	SC, Eastern TN, and	Southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK EGGS Extra large, large and medium prices remained the same as values reported yesterday. Trade sentiment was at least steady to fully steady entering the weekend. Demand into all channels was light to moderate. Current supplies were sufficient for trading requirements.

	IVANGE
EXTRA LARGE	113-117
LARGE	111-115
MEDIUM	99-103

MIDWEST REGIONAL	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	101-109	102-104
LARGE	99-107	100-102
MEDIUM	88-96	89-91

<u>WESTERN REGIONAL</u> Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week were unchanged on jumbo, 1 cent higher for extra large, 2 cents higher for large, and 3 cents higher for medium and small. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Offerings were adequate with demand mostly moderate. Floor stocks balanced to adequate.

CALIFORNIA Benchmark prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week were unchanged on jumbo, 1 cent higher for extra large, 2 cents higher for large, and 3 cents higher for medium and small. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Offerings were adequate with demand moderate to fairly good, mostly moderate. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Small benchmark price \$1.06.

<u>CALIFORNIA</u> Shell egg marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	IVAINOL
JUMBO	155
EXTRA LARGE	151
LARGE	138
MEDIUM	126

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE

DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.	RANGE
JUMBO	139-153
EXTRA LARGE	134-139
LARGE	126-129
MEDIUM	113-116

BREAKING STOCK

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

<u>CENTRAL REGION</u> Breaking stock prices were higher with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings were balanced to about adequate for next week's needs. Demand was mostly moderate. Floor stocks about adequate to adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady.

	KANGE	MOSILI
BREAKING STOCK	86-88	86
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	68-74	68-70
CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR, CO, IA, IL, IN	I,KS,LA,MI,MN,N	MO,NM,ND,NE,
OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

EASTERN REGION Prices were unchanged to slightly higher on breaking stock when compared to early week prices. Trade sentiment was steady to instances fully steady. Offerings were sufficient for a fair demand. Processing schedules were mostly normal to at times reduced. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 27-Sep-2008 were 4 percent less than last week, but 3 percent more than the same week a year earlier.

	KANGE	MOSILI
BREAKING STOCK	77-87	79-82
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	68-73	68-70
EASTERN STATES AREA: AL, CT, DE, FL,	GA, KY, ME,	MD, MA, MS, NH,
NJ, NY, NC, PA, RI, SC, TN, VT, VA, WV		

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION W/E 27-SEP-2008 (lbs. in thousands) (Excludes Ingredients) Total Cases Liquid Liquid Liquid Production Broken Whole Whites Yolk **Dried Inedible** 34.724 13.353 CW 1.402.313 6.786 3.143 4.575 PW 4.812 1.437.341 35.095 13.608 7.286 3.330 LY 1,362,380 34,490 12,271 6,459 2,544 4,434 % PW -2% -1% -2% -7% -6% -5% % LY 3% 1% 9% 5% 24% 3% 2008 51,154,5951,255,915 481,713 252,633 114,239 171,351 2007 49,490,0931,228,316 454,705 244,097 97,230 168,879 2% 3% % YTD 3% 6% 17% 1% CW PW LY Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Included) 42.39 42.30 42.32 Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Excluded) 39.12 38.95 39.06

IN LINE PRODUCTION (of total production; lbs. in thousands;

may include a limited amount of off-line source material.)

,	Cases Broken		,	id Whole
	Cases % of Total		Lbs.	% of Total
CURRENT WEEK	691,258	49.3%	18,305	52.7%
PREVIOUS WEEK	708,372	49.3%	19,196	54.7%
LAST YEAR	659,482	48.4%	17,334	50.3%

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized salt yolk and pasteurized whites were too few to report. Trade sentiment continued steady with a firm undertone for whole egg, steady to fully steady for whites, and fully steady to instances firm for on yolk. Offerings were balanced to adequate for all liquid products. Demand was fair to fairly good for whole egg, fairly good to good for whites, and mostly moderate for yolk. Breaking stock prices were higher when compared to last week's reported prices.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00 AM non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	% FROM LW
WHOLE	12	73-74	73.33	24
WHITES	15	48-53	48.97	1.25
YOLKS	4	128-134.5	130.75	2.50

FROZEN

<u>CENTRAL REGION</u> Frozen whole egg ranged unchanged to 2 cents higher with whites unchanged. Sugared yolk ranged unchanged to 1 cent lower with salted yolk unchanged to 1 cent higher. Trade sentiment continued steady to fully steady for all frozen egg products. Demand was fair to instances fairly good for all frozen products. Offerings were balanced to adequate. Breaking stock prices were higher when compared to last week's reported prices.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

IRU	JCKLOIS	
	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	87-92	88-92
WHITES	72-76	72
SGRD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	145-150	147-149
SLTD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	140-145	

EASTERN REGION Mostly prices were unchanged to higher on whole, unchanged on whites, sugared yolks and salted yolks when compared to last week values. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand ranged fair to fairly good for sufficient offerings. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 27-Sep-08 were 20% less than last week and 21% less than the same week the previous year.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

			LTL
	TRUCKLOTS	(MIN.	25 CONT.)
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	86-92	86-90	89-97
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		
WHITES	71-74	72-74	76-81
SGRD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLI	DS) 144-151	148-150	152-156
SLTD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLI	DS) 138-144	142-143	146-151
(/) - Whole plus yolk plus sweetene	er, generally 28-32	% egg solids.	

<u>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA</u> All prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment continued steady to fully steady for all frozen products. Offerings were adequate with demand mostly moderate to instances fairly good.

Wholesale selling prices, FOB shipping point (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

	L:L
	(MIN. 25 CONT.)
	RANGE
WHOLE	87-91
WHITES	78-81
SGRD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	147-150
SLTD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	142-145

NATIONAL DRIED Prices were unchanged on blends, however highly irregular on remaining dried products when compared to last week's values. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Offerings were at best adequate for current needs. Demand was reported as moderate to good. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 27-Sep-2008 were 6% less than a week ago, however 24 % higher than last year. The total year to date production of dried eggs produced was 17% more than a year earlier.

Wholesale selling prices, dollars per lb., in cont., Trucklot and LTL volumes.						
WHOLE	3.35-3.87	MOSTLY 3.42-3.65				
YOLKS	3.18-3.65	MOSTLY 3.35-3.40				
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	5.38-5.95	MOSTLY 5.40-5.65				
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	3.20-3.30	MOSTLY 3.20-3.22				

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR SEPT 26, 2008 - OCT 02, 2008

	C	URREN	IT LOAD	S 99.25		FU	ITURE LO	DADS 80.25			TOTAL	LOADS	3 179.5	0	
	5	SE		NE	M	W			5	SC SC	N۱	N	S	W	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	78.83		79.33	81.17			9.75	GNR W 1		88.22					7.75
GNR BR 1				98.00			1.00	GL W J	96.00					103.43	7.00
GL W J			103.33	105.23	86.67		8.25	GL W XL	92.25	96.50				101.65	12.00
GL W XL		99.25	94.50	99.13	89.82	92.79	38.50	GL W LG	87.65	92.67				132.97	34.75
GL W LG		95.57	98.57	90.02	86.02		54.50	GL W MD		89.00					5.50
GL W MD	86.00	83.00	78.17	79.00	80.45	80.35	23.75	GL BR XL	111.00						.25
GL W SM	55.00	59.00	55.00	58.00			2.00	GL BR LG	110.00						1.00
GL BR XL		92.00					.50	NRBS - 48	86.50	91.00					5.00
GL BR LG				105.00			2.00								
NRBS - 48					84.28	86.00	45.00								
NRBS - 39					66.50	68.50	2.00								
NRBS - 36					65.00	67.00	1.00	I							

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

LIVE LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

(INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN Prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for the generally sufficient offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

RANGE MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST 3-12 4-8

SOUTH CENTRAL Salvage costs were TFEWR. Demand was slow for adequate supplies of spent light fowl. Schedules were as

desired. Finished sales were slow to fair. Trade sentiment was

about steady.

RANGE MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL Prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate with demand mostly moderate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

REMOVAL COST RANGE MAJORITY 0-10.5 0-5

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL

AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	106.00	104.00	91.00
SOUTHEAST	106.50	104.50	89.00
MIDWEST	98.50	96.50	85.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	113.50	105.50	90.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	106.49	102.72	89.03

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Sales were too few to report prices. Offerings were generally sufficient for current trade requirements. Demand was seasonally moderate to at least moderate with limited trading due to most available supplies being used internally. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was at least steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)

TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

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LIGHT CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)
TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

HEAVY CANNER HENS
(WITHOUT NECKS)
TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

WEEKLY U.S./CANADIAN LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER INSPECTION Week ending 27-Sep-08

U.S. fowl slaughtered domestically Light Heavy Total Hens Hens Hens -----Thousands-----Head 1,277 1.783 3.060 Last Week 1,179 1,890 3,069 Same week yr ago 1,050 1,546 2,596 To-date/2008 53,748 63,377 117,125 To-date/2007 42,950 56,641 99.591 U.S. fowl slaughtered in Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
		Thousands	
Head	400	0	400
Last Week	329	0	329
Same week yr ago	290	0	290
To-date/2008	12,785	50	12,835
To-date/2007	10,117	26	10,143
Data Source: Agricultur	e and Agri-Fo	ood Canada, AISD, AID, F	Poultry Section

Total U.S. fowl slaughtered in the U.S. and Canada Heavy Light **Total** Hens Hens Hens -----Thousands-----Head 1,677 1,783 3,460 Last Week 1,508 1.890 3,398 Same week yr ago 1,340 1.546 2.886 To-date/2008 66.533 63.427 129.960

SOURCE: USDA AMS Poultry Programs, Market News & Analysis Branch

53,067

56,667

109,734

To-date/2007

INSPECTED EGG PRODUCTS-U.S. & CANADA IMPORT/EXPORT TRADE

U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Endir	ng Sep 20, 200	8	Year-To-Date		
Type	2008	2007 /1	2008 /2	2007	
Liquid	96	104	735	2,815	
Frozen	0	0	39	65	
Dried	0	0	444	489	
Total	96	104	1,218	3,369	

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week End	ing Sep 20, 200	Year-To-Date		
Type	2008	2007 /1	2008 /2	2007
Liquid	183	140	14,110	12,104
Frozen	5	10	414	276
Dried	80	40	553	739
Total	268	190	15,077	13,119

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S Exports to Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)

Week Ending	Sep 20, 200)8	Year-To-Date			
	2008	2007 /1	2008 /2	2007		
Jumbo	0	0	0	0		
Extra Large	1,898	2,720	49,398	37,239		
Large	4,530	3,300	58,025	58,950		
Medium	2,220	1,650	35,966	42,509		
Ungraded	15,132	14,520	289,319	75,638		
Misc	0	0	5,974	7,105		
Total	23,780	22,190	438,682	221,441		
/1 Comparable Week to data figures may not total due to reynding						

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding. /2 Includes revisions to previous week(s)

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section Source: USDA AMS Poultry Programs, Market News & Analysis Branch

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -

Selected Centers		(Inc. Go	v't Stocks)	(In Thousands)	
		Frozen	Processed	Processed	
		Eggs	Turkeys	other Poultry	
		Lbs	Lbs	Lbs	
AM	09/29/08	3,152	142,230	114,371	
AM	09/01/08	3,057	142,893	88,896	
CHG		95	-663	25475	
PCT CHG		3%	0%	29%	

EGG PRODUCTS

Shell Eggs Broken Down 8 Percent from Last Year **Shell eggs** broken totaled 170 million dozen during August 2008. down 8 percent from August a year ago, and 7 percent below the 183 million broken last month.

August 2008 contained 21 weekdays and 5 Saturdays. August 2007 contained 23 weekdays and 4 Saturdays.

During calendar year 2008 through August, shell eggs broken totaled 1,363 million dozen, up 2 percent from the comparable period in 2007. To date, cumulative total edible product from eggs broken in 2008 was 1,778 million pounds, up 2 percent from 2007. Source: USDA/NASS

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT (Receipts From Producers) W/E 27-SEP-2008

	Cases	% Change From		
REGIONS	(In Thousands)	LW	LY	
North Atlantic	178.6	2	0	
East North Central	599.2	-3	-3	
West North Central	300.0	-5	7	
South Atlantic	163.6	0	-8	
South Central	52.3	-6	-7	
West	196.2	4	-7	
Total	1489.9	-2	-2	
Matched plants repo Areas Covered:	81	81		

North Atlantic (ME, VT, MA, RI, CT, NH, NY, PA, NJ, MD, DE)

East North Central (WI, IL, MI, OH, IN) West North Central (IA, MN, MO, KS, SD) South Atlantic (SC, NC, VA, GA, FL, KY) South Central (TN, AL, AR, MS, OK) West (CA, CO, WA, OR, UT)

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 27-SEP-2008

Selected Consuming CW LW % CHANGE (Cases, in Thousands) Centers LW LY Atlanta 22.7 23.4 -3 -9 **Boston** 2.9 2.8 4 -6 Chicago 68.1 69.1 -1 45 Detroit 8.2 8.2 0 -14 Los Angeles 89.4 87.7 2 4 New Orleans 5.0 4.2 19 14 New York 27.5 27.3 1 0 St. Louis 45.2 53.3 -15 35

Total 284.2 4 Week Moving Avg. 279.5

San Francisco

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT SEP 30, 2008 Prices paid per doz. Grade A Brown eggs in cartons dlvrd store door.

15.2

14.5

290.5

5

-2

15

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Ex Large Large Med Small MAINE 156 151 113 85 MOSTLY NEW HAMPSHIRE 149-153 144-148 106-110 78-82 MOSTLY 151-152 146-147 108-109 80-81 RHODE ISLAND 155-159 150-154 112-116 84-88 MOSTLY 155 150 112 84 VERMONT 156-159 151-155 113-115 MOSTLY

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California Department of Food and Agriculture Egg Quality Control Out of State Eggs - State Compilation

Report Period: 9/21/2008 - 9/27/2008

Region	Cases Shipped to:				
	Northern CA	Central CA	Southern CA	Total State	
Midwest:	7,708	3832	62576	74116	
South Central:	3,120	0	13994	17114	
Southeast:	793	730	4106	5629	
Northeast:	0	0	0	0	
Western:	1,988	927	8682	11597	
Grand Total:	13,609	5,489	89,358	108,456	
Military:	0	0	0	0	
Non-Military:	13,609	5,489	89,358	108,456	